

NSA Dispute Distorted, Taylor Hackford Charges

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ASSC President Taylor Hackford told the Daily Trojan yesterday that the NSA controversy has attempted to cloud the perspective of the goals of his administration.

In a statement to the newspaper, Hackford said the ASSC this year "has been using a particular strategy designed to respond to student desires and to provide students with an independent and responsible voice on campus.

"Projects were undertaken which were aimed at developing respect not only from the administration and the faculty, but also from the students themselves.

"NSA is not a life and death issue for student government here at USC.

"It can offer our campus some very concrete benefits, but student government will continue to exist if we do not join. And the NSA will not fold if USC decides not to join.

"The current controversy surrounding USC's affiliation with NSA has been blown completely out of proportion. Originally, an affiliation was proposed because of the positive benefits that our student government would gain from NSA.

"Those benefits have not changed.

"However, certain linear-minded students have chosen to magnify a small proportion of NSA activities which are controversial, and at the same time to gloss over the large number of benefits that the organization offers.

"Personally I am delighted that the student body has shown an in-

terest in this and other issues, and I know that they will vote intelligently.

"It is interesting to note that since the relationship between NSA and the CIA was discovered, there have been no disaffiliations; on the contrary, there have been four affiliations.

"The fact is that students on other member campuses did not choose to take the easy out by leaving the organization; instead they decided to remain and try to correct any deficiencies that the organization might have had."